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SUBJECT: "HANOI AT ODDS WITH PEKING" MEDIA REACTION

- 1. THE WELLINGTON "DOMINION" IN ITS EDITORIAL JUNE 12 COMMENTED:
- 2. "WITH HANOI'S ROUGH TREATMENT AND DISPATCH OF CHINESE AND SINO-VIETNAMESE LIVING IN VIETNAM, ITS RIFT WITH CHINA IS FINALLY OUT IN THE OPEN."
- 3. NOTING THAT VIETNAM HAS TURNED ON CHINESE TO RID THE COUNTRY OF THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM, EDITORIAL ADDED:
- 4. "HOWEVER, HANOI'S MOTIVES GO DEEPER, REFLECTING NOT ONLY HISTORIC MISTRUST OF CHINA BUT ALSO THE MORE RECENT IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT WITHIN THE EASTERN CAMP, WHICH HAS REQUIRED THE WEST TO REVISE ITS THOUGHTS ABOUT THE COMMUNIST MONOLITH."
- 5. NOTING THAT CHINA'S AID PROGRAM TO VIETNAM CEASED AFTER THE WAR WHILE THAT OF RUSSIA CONTINUED "TO PREPARE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WAY FOR A SOUTHERN FRONT AGAINST CHINA IN CASE OF TROUBLE, THE PAPER SAID:

6. "HANOI, SUSPICIOUS OF CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS AND OPENLY CRITICAL OF PEKING'S ATTEMPT TO ATTRACT THE UNITED STATES AS A FUTURE ALLY, HAS BEEN READY ENOUGH TO COMPLY WITH THE KREMLIN'S STRATEGY. THERE WAS, ADDITION-

ALLY, THE PRESSURE ON ITS EASTERN FLANK OF A CHINA-ALIGNED HOSTILE CAMBODIA."

7. CONCLUDING THE EDITORIAL NOTED: "IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF CREATING UNBRIDGEABLE IDEOLOGICAL CHASMS WITH-IN THE COMMUNIST GROUPING. IT IS ALSO, FOR HANOI, A MATTER OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH NON-COMMUNIST ASIA. IF THE ADVANTAGES OF PEACE ARE TO BE EXPLOITED, AND ECONOMIC PLANS FULFILLED, HANOI NEEDS THE GOODWILL OF, AND TRADING OPPORTUNITIES OFFORDED BY, HER NEIGHBOURS. BELLICOSITY, DIRECTED AGAINST CHINA OR ANYONE ELSE, WON'T IMPRESS THOSE PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS." ANDERSON

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